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**REMARKS**

Entry of the above-amendment is respectfully requested prior to examination of the application. The above application was initially filed with the US Patent Office in Japanese.

The above amendment revises the specification and claims of the application as translated into English to be in a format more closely corresponding to that customarily employed in US patent practice, to clarify unclear grammar and to add new claims to bring the total number of claims up to the typical quantity in US applications.

If there are any questions, please contact the undersigned attorney for applicant.

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